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Subject: Approval of Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations and Reclamation Surety, Sawtooth Stone Supply, LLC, Sawtooth Stone Quarry #1, M/003/067, Task ID# 1694, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The Division has received the reclamation surety for the Sawtooth Stone Quarry #1 and two copies of the Notice to Conduct Large Mining Operations. The Division now permits you to begin mining operations as outlined in your large mining notice. The surety will be reviewed periodically to assure that the bond remains adequate.

The following requested variances are approved because the alternative methods to be used are consistent with the Act:

- Variance to salvage and stockpile topsoil. Topsoil on the mine area is sparse, occurring generally in small pockets. While efforts will be made to salvage existing soils, the operator will make up the difference by using amended fines for reclamation. Lab analysis shows that the fine material can be amended to make a suitable soil substitute. (This variance was approved June 10, 2003.
- Variance to leave new access road for post mining access to the property. The operator requested this variance to leave a section of new access road to the property. The new section was constructed to avoid a wet (seep) area, as well as important wildlife habitat (aspen grove). The new access road has a similar width, with any cut/fill slopes being revegetated. The old section of road was reclaimed. The land owner has also requested that the new section be left for access to his property (this is the only access road to a 80- acre parcel that would otherwise have no access. (This variance was approved November 9, 2006, after it was determined that the old section of road met reclamation success standards).

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Enclosed are copies of the signed and executed Reclamation Contract and surety bond forms for your files. Also enclosed is a copy of the "approved" Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations for your files. Please keep your plan current by submitting changes using Form MR-REV-att, which is located on the web at www.dogm.utah.gov.

All future correspondence should reference M/003/0067. Thank you for your help and patience in finalizing this permitting action. Please call me if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. White". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Susan M. White
Mining Program Coordinator
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosures: Approved NOI, Copy of Reclamation Surety and Reclamation Contract
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